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## Semi-Annual Regulatory Agenda: Major Regulations Pending and Planned for October 1981 Through April 1982

**AGENCY:** Department of Agriculture, Office of the Secretary.

**ACTION:** Semi-Annual Regulatory Agenda.

**SUMMARY:** This agenda provides summary descriptions of major regulations being developed in agencies of the U.S. Department of Agriculture in conformance with Executive Order 12291, Federal Regulation. The agenda also describes regulations affecting small entities as required by section 602 of the "Regulatory Flexibility Act," Pub. L. 96–354. The purpose of the agenda is to inform the public, small entities, and other government agencies of major actions and regulation review activities as early as possible so interested parties may get background information and comment on these decisions while they are being developed.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information on any specific decision shown in this agenda, please contact the person listed for that decision.

Requests for copies of this agenda should be directed to: Regulatory Agenda, OBPA, Office of the Secretary, Room 147–E, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250, (202) 382–1270. If you requested a copy of a previous Regulatory Agenda or Decision Calendar, we have placed you on our mailing list for the Regulatory Agenda. You will receive a copy as soon as they are available.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### Purpose of This Agenda

The purpose of publication of the Agenda is to provide the public and other government agencies early notice of pending major actions under consideration by USDA. The projected schedules shown for each major action make it possible for interested individuals or groups to plan ahead, acquire background information, and prepare to provide information and comments at appropriate steps in the decisionmaking process (i.e., when proposals are published for comment, or when pre-notices are published).

This Agenda is an update of the Regulatory Agenda published in the Federal Register on April 28, 1981.

### Agenda Organization

The Agenda includes 3 sections:

- A list of the titles of actions formerly reported which have been completed, designated as "non-major", or withdrawn from consideration since publication of the last Regulatory Agenda;
- A list of major regulatory actions planned or under development between October of 1981 and April of 1982. Actions are organized under headings identifying the USDA agency responsible and include descriptions, legal authority, projected schedules, and information contacts; and
- A list of regulations scheduled for review, for which review is ongoing or will be intiated between now and April 1982.

Be sure to review each of these sections to identify decisions on which you may want to comment. If additional information is desired on an entry, contact the person identified in that entry.

### How to Identify New Items on the Agenda

The Regulatory Agenda number shows the month and year that the item was identified as major and placed on the Regulatory Agenda. The first 2 digits after the agency abbreviation identify the month, and the third digit provides the year. Thus, ASCS 031–4 indicates that it was identified as major in March (i.e., "03") of 1981 (i.e., "1"). Any entry with a number indicating a date later than April 1981 is new on the Regulatory Agenda.

### Background of Regulatory Agenda

The Regulatory Agenda is published and updated in April and October of each year as part of USDA's response to Executive Order 12291 and the "Regulatory Flexibility Act," Pub. L. 96–354.

This Administration is committed to reducing the burden of Federal regulation on the American economy. To this end, procedures have been established to concentrate greater effort on analyzing major regualtory actions to ensure that government action is needed, that it is clearly within delegated legal authority, and that the effects of taking the action are as well understood as possible.

Also, USDA is focusing added attention on regulatory actions which affect small entities. "Small entities" include small businesses, small not-for-profit organizations, and small governmental jurisdictions. Any time an agency cannot certify that a rule (as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act) will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities, a Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (RFA) must be completed. The RFA will identify and analyze less burdensome alternative regulatory strategies consistent with the law. Entries in the Agenda for which the Regulatory Flexibility Analysis will be carried out are identified by the symbol "(RFA)" found at the end of the action's "Description." This symbol is shown both in the list of ongoing actions and in the "List of Regulations Scheduled for Review."

### Criteria for Major Actions

For a regulatory action to warrant publication in this Agenda, and to receive intensive review and analysis, it must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- An annual effect on the economy of $100 million or more; or
- A major increase in costs or prices for:
  - —Consumers;
  - —Individual industries;
  - —Government agencies (federal, state, or local);
  - —Geographic regions; or
- Significant adverse effects on:
  - —Competition;
  - —Employment;
  - —Investment;
  - —Productivity;
  - —Innovation; or
  - —The ability of U.S.-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises in domestic or export markets.

The criteria used to determine whether actions are "major" are significantly more stringent than those previously used to determine whether actions were "significant." As a result, fewer actions are listed on this agenda than were listed on previous calendars. The lesser number of actions will allow more intensive analyses to be conducted, so as to more accurately assess the impacts of these important actions.

In this Agenda, we have attempted to list all major actions pending at the time of the agenda, but some may have been inadvertently missed. There is no legal significance to the omission of an item from this listing.

The dates shown for the steps of each action are estimated and are not commitments to act on, or by the date shown. The "pre-notice" date, when given, is an indication the agency intends to seek public input prior to the "notice of proposed rulemaking."

### How to Influence Decisions

The purpose of comment periods and other forms of public participation is to get information and varying points of view which may not be otherwise available to decisionmakers at USDA. All comments are useful in the decisionmaking process. However, the more substantive, well-reasoned, and well-documented a comment is, the more likely it is that it will have a strong influence on the decision.

Comments on the following topics are of particular value:

(1) Alternatives that have been overlooked;

(2) Redefinition of the problem being addressed or assumptions as to what the basis of the problem is;

(3) Suggested changes in the Department's goals in dealing with the problem; and

(4) Other inadequacies in the Department's analysis.

If comments are supported with any of the following types of information, they will be particularly effective:

(1) Identification of major factors that should be considered in the decision;

(2) Costs or benefits or other positive or negative impacts on specific groups, sectors of the economy or parts of the country, etc.—whether direct or indirect, quantifiable or not;

(3) Validity or reliability problems with data or information used, if any;

(4) Data not considered;

(5) Problems with the analytical technique employed, if any;

(6) New analytical techniques;

(7) Different interpretations of the intent of the law, citing the documents on which such interpretations are based;

(8) Case law which USDA may not have considered and explanations of how it bears on the decision;

(9) Other governmental directives or regulations which may overlap or be in conflict with the decision; and

(10) Attitudes, opinions and other comments relevant to the decision.

In view of the above, it is clearly an advantage to have a good understanding of what is behind a "pre-notice" or "proposal." This Regulatory Agenda not only describes the decisions so you can select the ones of interest to you, it provides the projected schedules so you can plan to review any background material in time to comment.

### Getting Background Information

Even before a "pre-notice" or "proposal" is published, there are often articles, studies, or preambles to earlier versions of the regulations or decisions, etc., which are helpful in understanding the contemplated action. The "contact" listed for the decision can provide these. When any major action is proposed, a Preliminary Regulatory Impact Analysis is available, usually from this same contact. The analysis describes the options considered in developing the proposal and the costs and benefits of implementing each option.

### Review of Existing Regulations

USDA is conducting a comprehensive review of all its existing regulations. Executive Order 12291 requires that reviews be carried out on all currently effective rules and that Regulatory Impact Analyses be performed on all such major rules.

The regulation review list contained in this Agenda is a planning and public information activity which precedes and/or accompanies more substantive review activity. Each item is listed on the "List of Regulations Scheduled for Review," with "major" actions appearing in the body of the agenda as well. Substantive review normally begins in the subsequent six-month period.

This "List of Regulations Scheduled for Review" also identifies those regulations with a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities, thereby indicating that the required Regulatory Flexibility Analysis will be carried out.

Dated: October 22, 1981.

John R. Block,

*Secretary.*

### Summary of Actions Completed, Withdrawn, or Redesignated Not Significant Since the Last Calendar

ASCS 031–4; Redesignated; Revise Emergency Feed Program Regulations

ASCS 041–7; Completed; Price Support Level for Milk, 1981–82 Marketing Year

ASCS 041–9; Redesignated; Flue-Cured Tobacco—1982 Quota

FmHA 099–67; Withdrawn; Implementation of the President's Water Policy Message to Congress

FmHA 099–77; Withdrawn; Issuance of Revised Insured and Guaranteed EE Loan Regulations To Implement Major Policies Pertaining to New Legislation

FmHA 040–34; Withdrawn; Business and Industry Loan Program Proposes to Broaden Applicant Eligibility for Loan Assistance

FmHA 080–46; Withdrawn; Business and Industry Loan Program Proposes to Revise the List of Ineligible Loan Purposes (Instruction 1980–E)

FmHA 090–52; Withdrawn; Insured Farm Ownership and Operating Loan Policies, Procedures, and Authorization

FmHA 021–6; Withdrawn; Amend Guaranteed Farm Program Regulations

FmHA 051–13; Completed; Implement Corrective Actions To Bring Fiscal Control to the Insured EM Programs

FSQS 108–3; Withdrawn; Voluntary Quality Control Regulations—Sanitation and Carcass Cleanliness

FSQS 108–4; Withdrawn; Poultry Chiller Water Regulation

FSQS 108–7; Withdrawn; Pending Review; Regulatory Plan for Cured Pork Products

FSQS 108–8; Withdrawn; Work Week Regulations

FSQS 108–12; Withdrawn; Studies on Uniform Grade Nomenclature

FSQS 108–18; Withdrawn; Microbiological Criteria for Heat Processed Meat and Poultry Products

FSQS 108–32; Withdrawn; Mechanically Deboned Poultry

FSQS 108–37; Withdrawn; U.S. Ungraded Proposal

FSQS 108–45; Withdrawn; Pending Review; Net Weight Regulation

FSQS 029–4; Withdrawn; U.S. Standards for Grades of Major Canned Fruits

FSQS 079–27; Redesignated; Sale, Transportation and Marketing of Products

FSQS 089–32; Withdrawn Pending Review; Standards for Cooked Poultry Sausage

FSQS 089–33; Redesignated; Standards for Cooked Poultry Sausage

FSQS 119–40; Withdrawn; Review of Regulations—Standards of Composition and Identity

FSQS 119–43; Withdrawn; Food Labeling

FSQS 010–5; Withdrawn; Standards of Composition

FSQS 030–17; Withdrawn; Bacon Made with Dry Curing Materials

FSQS 040–19; Withdrawn; Order of Predominance

FSQS 040–20; Withdrawn; Prohibition of PCB-Containing Equipment or Machinery and Liquid Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) in Federally Inspected Meat Establishments, Poultry Product Establishments, and Egg Product Plants

FSQS 050–23; Withdrawn; Quantitative Ingredient Labeling

FSQS 050–24; Withdrawn; Open Date Labeling

FSQS 080–33; Withdrawn; Review of Regulations—Slaughter Inspection Standards and Procedures, Meat and Poultry Inspection Regulations

FSQS 100–40; Withdrawn; Labeling Meat and Poultry Products Containing Cheese-Like Ingredients and Pizza Standard

FSQS 011–1; Redesignated; Removal of Kidneys of Mature Poultry

REA 049–2; Withdrawn; Endangered Species Procedures

REA 049–4; Withdrawn; Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties

REA 108–3; Redesignated; Part 2 to Exhibit A of Bulleting 20–21; 320–21: Floodplain and Wetlands Procedures

REA 080–23; Redesignated; Review and Possible Revision of the Regulations

Regarding Loan Terms and Conditions (Bulletin 20-14)
SCS 040-6; Redesignated; Review of Regulation—Great Plains Conservation Program

## AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

### AMS 081-91

**STANDARDS FOR GRADES OF CARCASS BEEF AND STANDARDS FOR GRADES OF SLAUGHTER CATTLE**

**DESCRIPTION:** The Department has received numerous recommendations concerning the present beef grade standards. It has been recommended that the standards be modified in order that producers may respond to a growing demand for more lean beef. The changes which would be proposed should allow the production of leaner beef with no significant reduction in the palatability of either Prime or Choice. The new requirements should provide livestock feeders more marketing flexibility and provide an opportunity for decreasing feed costs. The related standards for grades of slaughter cattle which are based on the carcass grade standards would be revised to reflect the changes proposed for grades of carcass beef. No changes would be proposed in the yield grade standards.

**AUTHORITY:** Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, Sections 203, 205, as amended; 60 Stat. 1087, 1090, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 1622, 1624.

**PROJECTED SCHEDULE:**
a. Date of pre-notice: None.
b. Date of proposal: 11/81.
c. Hearings: 12/81-1/82.
d. Final Decision: 8/82.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS DECISION, CONTACT:** Paul Fuller, (202) 447-4727, USDA, AMS, Room 2 Mezzanine, Annex Building, Washington, D.C. 20250.

### AMS 101-97

**REVIEW OF MARKETING ORDERS FOR FRUITS, VEGETABLES, AND SPECIALTY CROPS:**

**DESCRIPTION:** Marketing orders were developed to raise farmers' prices toward parity levels and to achieve price stability. Concerns about the effects of marketing orders on resource allocation and efficiency motivate this review.

**AUTHORITY:** 7 CFR 900-999.

**PROJECTED SCHEDULE:**
a. Date of pre-notice: None.
b. Date of proposal: None.
c. Final Decision: Indefinite.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS DECISION, CONTACT:** Richard G. Heifner, (202) 382-8134, AMS, USDA, Room 2647S, Washington, D.C. 20250.

## AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION AND CONSERVATION SERVICE

Until the new farm legislation is enacted, it is not known what types of programs will be conducted or when they might begin. The following programs are under consideration:

### ASCS 101-19

**PRICE SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR 1982-CROP U.S. SUGAR BEET AND SUGAR CANE THROUGH PURCHASES OR OTHER OPERATIONS**

### ASCS 101-32

**1982-CROP RICE PROGRAM**

### ASCS 101-33

**NATIONAL AVERAGE LOAN RATES FOR 1982-CROP QUOTA AND ADDITIONAL PEANUTS AND CCC SALES POLICY FOR PEANUTS**

### ASCS 101-34

**1982 UPLAND COTTON PROGRAM**

### ASCS 101-39

**1982 CROP OF WHEAT—DETERMINATION OF NATIONAL PROGRAM ACREAGE, VOLUNTARY REDUCTION PERCENTAGE, ACREAGE ADJUSTMENT, ESTABLISHED TARGET PRICE, LOAN RATES AND SPECIAL GRAZING AND HAY PROGRAM PROVISIONS**

### ASCS 101-42

**1982 FEED GRAIN AND SOYBEAN PROGRAM**

## FEDERAL GRAIN INSPECTION SERVICE

### FGIS 108-6

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICIAL U.S. STANDARDS FOR GRAIN (WEEVILY)**

**DESCRIPTION:** Presently, the standards for various grains require varying sizes of samples used for determining insect infestation and different tolerances for insects between grains. We are evaluating the need for providing uniform requirements as to sample size and procedures used in order to reflect actual grain quality in a more uniform and useful manner.

**AUTHORITY:** Section 4 of U.S. Grain Standards Act. (7 U.S.C. 76)

**PROJECTED SCHEDULE:**
a. Date of pre-notice: 12/28/79 (45 FR 76835).
b. Date of proposal: 1/31/82.
c. Final Decision: 6/1/82.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS DECISION, CONTACT:** James L. Driscoll, (816) 348-2861, FTS 753-6861 Richard-Gebaur AFB, Bldg. 221, Grandview, Mo. 64030.

## FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION

### FmHA 020-25

**REVISION OF DEFINITION OF LOW INCOME FOR SECTION 502, 504, AND 515 AS REQUIRED BY PUB. L. 96-153**

**DESCRIPTION:** Will review low-income limits of eligibility under Sections 502, 504, 515. Alternative procedures, including establishment of low-income limit as a proportion of area median income as adjusted for housing costs, will be considered. The existing moderate and above moderate income limits will have to be adjusted to reflect the required change to low-income limits.

**AUTHORITY:** Housing and Community Development Amendments of 1979, Pub. L. 96-153, Section 502(a), 93 Stat. 1101, Amending Section 501(b) of the Housing Act of 1949, 42 U.S.C. 1471.

**PROJECTED SCHEDULE:**
a. Date of pre-notice: Indefinite.
b. Date of proposal: Indefinite.
c. Final Decision: Indefinite.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS DECISION, CONTACT:**
M. J. Felber, (202) 382-1484, USDA, FmHA, Room 5349S Washington, D.C. 20250.

### FmHA 080-47

**MOBILE HOME LOAN PROCEDURES**

**DESCRIPTION:** Invite public input for draft regulations for mobile home loans to implement Section 527 of Title V of the Housing Act of 1949.

**AUTHORITY:** Section 510(j) of the Housing Act of 1949, 42 U.S.C. 1480(j); section 527 of the Housing Act of 1949, 42 U.S.C. 1490g.

**PROJECTED SCHEDULE:**
a. Date of pre-notice: 10/21/80 (45 FR 69469).
b. Date of proposal: 1/82.
c. Final Decision: 7/82.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS DECISION, CONTACT:**
James W. Craun, (202) 382-1489, USDA, FmHA, Room 5351S, Washington, D.C. 20250.

### FmHA 080-48

**INTEREST CREDITS (SUBSIDY) TO MODERATE INCOME BORROWERS (INSTRUCTION 444.1)**

**DESCRIPTION:** The moderate income housing program will be reviewed to determine if families at the lower end of the moderate income range are able to participate in the program without

interest credit subsidy. Such families may not participate since they may be unable to repay loans at current interest rates. Families defined as having low incomes, however, are able to receive loans with interest credit subsidy which reduces the rate of interest on their loan to as low as one percent. Various alternatives will be reviewed for reducing any gaps in participation between low-income households and households at the lower end of the moderate income range.

**AUTHORITY:** Section 521(a)(1)(B) of the Housing Act of 1949, 42 U.S.C. 1490a (a)(1)(B); Section 510(j) of the Housing Act of 1949, 42 U.S.C. 1480(j).

**PROJECTED SCHEDULE:**

a. Date of pre-notice: None.
b. Date of proposal: Indefinite.
c. Final Decision: Indefinite.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS DECISION, CONTACT:** Mathias J. Felber (202) 382-1484, USDA, FmHA, Room 5349S, Washington, D.C. 20250.

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### FmHA 041-12

**RESTRICTING LOAN GUARANTEES WITH TAX-FREE OBLIGATIONS**

**DESCRIPTION:** To amend the "General" Regulations (7 CFR Part 1980, Subpart A, and Part 1990, Subpart A) dealing with all FmHA guarantee programs to add a new section to prohibit guaranteeing of loans when tax-free obligations are also part of the financing arrangements.

**AUTHORITY:** The Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, Section 339, 7 U.S.C. 1989; the Emergency Agricultural Credit Adjustment Act of 1978, Section 209(c), 7 U.S.C. note preceding 1961; the Biomass Energy and Alcohol Fuels Act of 1980, Section 212(e)(2), 42 U.S.C. 8812(e)(2); Housing Act of 1949, Section 517, 42 U.S.C. 1487.

**PROJECTED SCHEDULE:**

a. Date of pre-notice: None.
b. Date of proposal: 1/82.
c. Final Decision: 5/82.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS DECISION, CONTACT:** Wilton L. Ward, (202) 447-2288, USDA, FmHA, Room 5314S, Washington, D.C. 20250.

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## FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE

### FNS 081-31

**FOOD STAMP PROGRAM: HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION, INCOME STANDARDS, INITIAL MONTH BENEFITS, ADJUSTMENTS, DEDUCTIONS, AND OUTREACH**

**DESCRIPTION:** This rule changes the current Food Stamp Program in accordance with the 1981 Omnibus Reconciliation Act. As required by that law, changes are made in the definition of a household, which households are eligible for food stamps, what benefits a household will receive when it first applies and in subsequent months, when USDA will update the income eligibility standards, benefits levels and allowable deduction amounts to account for changes in the cost of living, and other parts of the Program.

**AUTHORITY:** 1981 Omnibus Reconciliation Act, Pub. L. 97-35, 95 Stat. 357.

**PROJECTED SCHEDULE:**

a. Date of pre-notice: None.
b. Date of proposal: 9/4/81 (46 FR 44712).
c. Final Decision: 5/82.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS DECISION, CONTACT:** Thomas O'Connor, (202) 447-9075, FNS, USDA, Room 678, GHI, Washington, D.C. 20250.

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### FNS 101-53

**PUERTO RICO NUTRITIONAL ASSISTANCE BLOCK GRANT**

**DESCRIPTION:** This rule implements Section 116 of the 1981 Omnibus Reconciliation Act which converts the Federal Food Stamp Program to a nutritional assistance block grant in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

**AUTHORITY:** 1981 Omnibus Reconciliation Act, Pub. L. 97-35, 95 Stat. 357.

**PROJECTED SCHEDULE:**

a. Date of pre-notice: None.
b. Date of proposal: 12/1/81.
c. Final Decision: 5/1/82.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS DECISION, CONTACT:** Thomas O'Connor, (202) 447-9075, FNS, USDA, Room 678 GHI, Washington, D.C. 20250.

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### FNS 101-54

**FOOD STAMP PROGRAM—MONTHLY REPORTING AND RETROSPECTIVE BUDGETING (MRRB)**

**DESCRIPTION:** This rule implements Sections 107 and 108 of the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1982 (Pub. L. 97-35). The rule will impose a national accounting system on almost all households, and will base benefits on circumstances from a previous month.

**AUTHORITY:** 1981 Omnibus Reconciliation Act, Pub. L. 97-35, 95 Stat. 357.

**PROJECTED SCHEDULE:**

a. Date of pre-notice: None.
b. Date of proposal: 12/81.
c. Final Decision: 6/82.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS DECISION, CONTACT:** Thomas O'Connor, (202) 447-9075, FNS, USDA, Room 678 GHI, Washington, D.C. 20250.

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## FOREST SERVICE

### FS 041-1

**REVIEW OF REGULATIONS—REGULATIONS FOR NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANNING**

**DESCRIPTION:** The regulation prescribes how land and resource management planning is to be conducted for National Forest System lands. It sets forth a process for developing, adopting and revising land and resource management plans to meet the requirements of the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act.

**AUTHORITY:** 36 CFR 219, Subpart A.

**PROJECTED SCHEDULE:**

a. Date of pre-notice: None.
b. Date of proposal: 1/82.
c. Final Decision: 7/82.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS DECISION, CONTACT:** Raymond M. Housley, (202) 447-3523, USDA, FS, Room 3018S, Washington, D.C. 20250.

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## FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE

### FSIS 041-2

**MECHANICALLY PROCESSED (SPECIES) PRODUCT**

**DESCRIPTION:** In response to a joint petition from the Pacific Coast Meat Association and the American Meat Institute, the Agency published a proposed rule to modify the standards for and expand the uses of Mechanically Processed (Species) Product. This proposed rule would also change the name of that product to Mechanically Processed (Species) or another more appropriate term.

**AUTHORITY:** 21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*, 9 CFR 317, 318, 319.

**PROJECTED SCHEDULE:**

a. Date of pre-notice: None.
b. Date of proposal: 7/31/81 (46 FR 39274).
c. Final Decision: 1982.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS DECISION, CONTACT:** M. A. Nelson, (202) 447-2709, FSIS, USDA, Room 341-E, Administration Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20250.

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## LIST OF REGULATIONS SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW

This list provides an overview of the USDA regulations undergoing review between October 1981 and April 1982. All "major" regulation review actions are listed first, with each entry shown under the name of the responsible USDA agency along with the CFR parts affected, a brief description, and an agency contact. Following the "major" items, all "non major" items are listed in a similar fashion. "Major" regulations are also listed in the preceding section of this agenda, which shows a projected schedule of activity.

Any action deemed to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities will be identified with the letters "RFA" (Regulatory Flexibility Act) following the description.

Regulations are reviewed and announced in the Federal Register (FR) using, basically, the same procedural rules which apply to new regulations. Each "major" item listed is to be analyzed by means of an Impact Analysis taking into account impacts on the affected publics.

If you wish to comment and influence decisionmaking, get in touch with the "contact" identified for the item of interest to you. Please note that this particular list is not a request for comments; it serves as an announcement only.

| Parts Affected | Subject | Description | Contact |
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| | | **Agricultural Marketing Service - Scheduled, Non Major** | |
| 7 CFR 30 | Tobacco Stocks and Standards | Regulations relating to classification of Leaf Tobacco covering classes, types, and groups of grades. | Larry L. Crabtree<br>AMS, USDA<br>Room 521 Annex<br>Washington, DC<br>20250<br>(202) 447-4976 |
| 7 CFR 106 | Dry Bean Warehouses | These regulations are applicable to dry bean warehouses applying for license or licensed under provisions of the United States Warehouse Act. They define acceptable warehousing practices and specify basic responsibilities of licensees. | Orval Kerchner<br>AMS, USDA<br>Room 2720 S<br>Washington, DC<br>20250<br>(202) 447-3616 |
| 7 CFR 1207 | Regulations Under the Potato Research and Promotion Act | These regulations require certain handlers of potatoes covered by the Act to file reports and make payments to the Potato Board. They also provide for necessary expenses and administration. | C. W. Porter<br>AMS, USDA<br>Room 2545 S<br>Washington, DC<br>20250<br>(202) 447-2615 |
| 7 CFR 1250.301-363 | Egg Research and Promotion Order | This order provides for the conduct of research and promotion activities on behalf of eggs and egg producers. | Janice L. Loekard<br>AMS, USDA<br>Room 2606 S<br>Washington, DC<br>20250<br>(202) 447-2068 |
| 7 CFR 2852.1-83 | Regulations Governing Inspection and Certification of Processed Fruits and Vegetables, Processed Products Thereof, and Certain Other Processed Food Products | Regulations relating to Definitions, Inspection Service, Appeal Inspection, Sampling, Fees and Charges, Misc., and Plant Approval. | J. A. Fly<br>AMS, USDA<br>Room 0717 S<br>Washington, DC<br>20250<br>(202) 447-4693 |
| 7 CFR 2852.201-210 | U.S. Standards for Inspection by Variables | Regulations relating to Purpose Options, Requirements, Definitions, Records, Procedure and Sampling Allowance Chart. | J. A. Fly<br>AMS, USDA<br>Room 0717 S<br>Washington, DC<br>20250<br>(202) 447-4693 |
| 7 CFR 2852.221-232 | U.S. Standards for Determination of Fill Weights | Regulations relating to General Instructions, Procedures, Interpretations, and Optional Fill Weight Procedure for Small Lots. | J. A. Fly<br>AMS, USDA<br>Room 0717 S<br>Washington, DC<br>20250<br>(202) 447-4693 |

| Parts Affected | Subject | Description | Contact |
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| | | **Agricultural Marketing Service - Scheduled, Non Major** | |
| 7 CFR 2852.301-6474 | U.S. Standards for Grades of Processed Products (151 Individual Products.) | Regulations relating to Non-Quality and Quality Evaluations for Product. | J. A. Fly<br>AMS, USDA<br>Room 0717 S<br>Washington, DC<br>20250<br>(202) 447-4693 |
| 7 CFR 2853 | Meats, Prepared Meats, and Meat Products (Grading, Certification, and Standards) | Regulations relating to the grading and certification of meat and meat products. Official grade standards for Beef, Lamb, Yearling Mutton, and Mutton carcasses. | Dr. Michael May<br>AMS, USDA<br>Room 2-M Annex<br>Washington, DC<br>20250<br>(202) 447-4486 |
| 7 CFR 53-B 53.201-.206 and 7 CFR 2853-B 2853.102-117 | Cattle Grades and Standards | These regulations cover the classes of live animals and carcass from slaughter cattle, steers, heifers, cows, and bullocks, and application and specifications of standards for yield grades of cattle and quality grades of steers, heifers, cows, and bullocks. | Russell Knister<br>AMS, USDA<br>Room 2-M Annex<br>Washington, DC<br>20250<br>(202) 447-5679)<br>&<br>Dr. Michael May<br>AMS, USDA<br>Room 2-M Annex<br>Washington, DC<br>20250<br>(202) 447-4486 |
| | | **Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service - Scheduled, Non Major** | |
| 7 CFR 301.80 | Witchweed | Pursuant to the Plant Quarantine Act of 1912 and the Federal Plant Pest Act, this quarantine restricts the movement of certain regulated articles from North and South Carolina in order to prevent the spread of witchweed, a parasitic plant which causes a dangerous disease of corn, sorghum, and other crops of the grass family. | T. J. Lanier<br>APHIS, USDA-PPQ<br>Room 635 Federal<br>Bldg., Hyattsville,<br>MD 20782<br>(301) 436-8247 |
| 7 CFR Part 301.85 | Golden Nematode | The Federal Golden Nematode Quarantine and regulations are designed to prevent the artificial spread of the golden nematode, which causes a dangerous disease of potatoes and certain other plants, across State lines. The quarantine regulates the movement of soil, various types of plants, used farm tools, used mechanized cultivating, harvesting, and soil-moving equipment from the regulated areas to other parts of the United States. | T. J. Lanier<br>APHIS, USDA-PPQ<br>Room 635 Federal<br>Bldg., Hyattsville,<br>MD 20782<br>(301) 436-8247 |
| 7 CFR 318.16 | Sugarcane | This section quarantines Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands to prevent the spread of certain dangerous plant diseases and insect infestations of sugarcane. | T. J. Lanier<br>APHIS, USDA-PPQ<br>Room 635 Federal<br>Bldg., Hyattsville,<br>MD 20782<br>(301) 436-8247 |
| 7 CFR 319.59 | Flag Smut | Prohibits the importation from certain countries of wheat, wheat straw, hulls and chaff; wheat products of the milling process other than wheat flour, and certain seeds. This quarantine protects the U.S. from the entry of flag smut disease of wheat, an injurious plant disease caused by a fungus. | T. J. Lanier<br>APHIS, USDA-PPQ<br>Room 635 Federal<br>Bldg., Hyattsville<br>(301) 436-8247 |
| 9 CFR Part 1 | Animal Welfare Act - Definition of terms under the Animal Welfare Act | Many definitions have been taken from the AWA. Other terms have been added. These definitions may need to be revised and more added to assist in a more specific interpretation of the Act, regulations, and standards. | D. F. Schwindaman<br>USDA, APHIS-VS<br>Rm. 703A Federal<br>Bldg., Hyattsville,<br>MD 20782<br>(301) 436-7833 |
| 9 CFR Part 52 | Dourine in Horses and Asses | Regulation provides for cooperation with States in eradicating dourine, an infectious and communicable disease of horses and asses; and for appraisal of animals and payment to owners at specified rates for animals destroyed because of dourine. | W. Bulch<br>USDA, APHIS-VS<br>Rm. 748 Federal<br>Bldg., Hyattsville,<br>MD 20782<br>(301) 436-8093 |
| 9 CFR 55 | Cattle Destroyed Because of Anaplasmosis | Provides agreement with State of Hawaii to enforce quarantine restrictions for control and eradication of anaplasmosis. Provides 50% of expenses to purchase and dispose of affected cattle. | B. G. Johnson<br>USDA, APHIS-VS<br>Rm. 814 Federal<br>Bldg., Hyattsville,<br>MD 20782<br>(301) 436-8711 |

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| | | **Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service - Scheduled, Non Major** | |
| 9 CFR Part 77 | Tuberculosis in Cattle | Regulation provides for requirements to be met for accredited free States, modified accredited areas; also requirements for the interstate movement of cattle from such States and areas. | R. Hosker<br>USDA, APHIS-VS<br>Rm. 801 Federal Bldg., Hyattsville, MD 20782<br>(301) 436-8715 |
| 9 CFR Part 83 | Screwworms | Regulation provides for the effective suppression and extermination of screwworm by prohibiting interstate movement of affected livestock and prescribing inspection and treatment procedures. | F. E. Smith<br>USDA, APHIS-VS<br>Rm. 733 Federal Bldg., Hyattsville, MD 20782<br>(301) 436-8233 |
| 9 CFR Part 114 | Production Requirements for Biological Products | Outlines of production, storage, expiration dates, disposal rebottling, and reprocessing are specified for establishments licensed to prepare biological products. Biological products are used in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of animal diseases. | R. J. Price<br>USDA, APHIS-VS<br>Rm. 827 Federal Bldg., Hyattsville, MD 20782<br>(301) 436-8245 |
| | | **Farmers Home Administration - Scheduled, Non Major** | |
| 7 CFR 1806-B (426.2) | National Flood Insurance | This regulation prescribes the policies and procedures regarding the financing of buildings of any type now located in or to be located in special flood or mudslide prone areas and also any machinery, equipment, fixtures, and furnishings contained or to be contained therein. | Howard Boatman<br>FmHA, USDA<br>Room 5305 S<br>Washington, D. C. 20250<br>(202) 382-1452 |
| 7 CFR 1809-A (422.1) | Appraisals | Appraisals required of farms and leasehold interests for FmHA loan making and servicing. | John Sones<br>FmHA, USDA<br>Room 5328 S<br>Washington, D. C. 20250<br>(202) 447-3646 |
| 7 CFR 1810-A (440.1) | Interest Rates, Amortization, Annual Charge, and Fixed Period | This regulation contains information regarding interest rates, amortization, annual charge, and fixed period. | LaVerne Isenberg<br>FmHA, USDA<br>Room 4118 S<br>Washington, D. C. 20250<br>(202) 382-8307 |
| 7 CFR 1814 (2042-A,B) | Claims Under Federal Tort Claims Act | This regulation prescribes the procedures for the processing of claims brought against the United States by claimants for acts or omissions of employees acting in the scope of their offices or employment with the Farmers Home Administration. | Bernice Chenoweth<br>FmHA, USDA<br>Room 6342 S<br>Washington, D. C. 20250<br>(202) 447-6205 |
| 7 CFR 1822-G (444.5) | Loan Procedures | Rural Housing Site Loan policies, procedures and authorizations | Cliff Herron<br>FmHA, USDA<br>Room 5337 S<br>Washington, D. C. 20250<br>(202) 382-1626 |
| 7 CFR 1823-C | Planning Advances | This regulation prescribes the policies, procedures and authorizations for making planning advances for association loans or grants. | Diggs Hill<br>FmHA, USDA<br>Room 6314 S<br>Washington, D. C. 20250<br>(202) 382-1490 |
| 7 CFR 1869 (451.5) | Analyzing Credit Needs and Graduation of Borrowers | Outline District Director's responsibilities of analysis of credit needs and graduation review for Association and Group Credit Loans | John Sones<br>FmHA, USDA<br>Room 5328 S<br>Washington, D. C. 20250<br>(202) 447-3646 |
| 7 CFR 1901-E | Civil Rights Compliance | This regulation contains policies and procedures for implementing the regulations of the Department of Agriculture issued pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, Executive Order 11246, and the Equal Credit Opportunity Act of 1974 as they relate to the Farmers Home Administration. | Ras L. Smith<br>FmHA, USDA<br>Room 5433 S<br>Washington, D. C. 20250<br>(202) 447-8806 |

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| | | **Federal Grain Inspection Service - Scheduled** | |
| FGIS has scheduled the following regulations for review for which the category was not yet determined as of the publication deadline for this regulatory agenda. | | | |
| 7 CFR 800.55 through 7 CFR 800.57 | Review of Regulations - Restrictions on Representations | To conduct a review of the current restrictions with respect to descriptions, marks, and other representations of grain by grade under the regulations under the U.S. Grain Standards Act. | J.T. Abshier, FGIS Room 2405 Aud. Bldg 14th & Independence Ave., S.W. Washington, DC 20250 (202) 447-8262 |
| 7 CFR 800.195 through 7 CFR 800.208 | Review of Regulations - Delegations, Designations, Approvals, and Contractural Arrangements | To conduct a review of the requirements and restrictions relative to delegations, designations, approvals, and contractural arrangements for providing official services under the regulations under the U.S. Grain Standards Act. | J.T. Abshier, FGIS Room 2405 Aud. Bldg 14th & Independence Ave., S.W. Washington, DC 20250 (202) 447-8262 |
| | | **Food and Nutrition Service - Scheduled, Non Major** | |
| 7 CFR 273.16, 273.18 | Fraud | These regulations describe procedures for identifying and disqualifying household members who have committed fraud in the Food Stamp Program and procedures for recovering overpayments from participating households. | Thomas O'Connor FNS, USDA Room 678 GHI Bldg. 500 12th St., S.W. Washington, D. C. 20250 (202) 447-9075 |
| | | **Food and Nutrition Service - Scheduled** | |
| FNS has scheduled the following regulations for review for which the category was not yet determined as of the publication deadline for this regulatory agenda. | | | |
| 7 CFR Part 240 | Cash-in-lieu of commodities | This regulation sets forth procedures by which States receive cash rather than donated commodities for use in their Child Nutrition Programs. | Don McCreary FNS, USDA Room 610 GHI Bldg. 500 12th St., S.W. Washington, D. C. 20250 (202) 447-8157 |
| 7 CFR 272.4 | Bilingual Services | These regulations require State agencies administering the Food Stamp Program to use appropriate bilingual personnel and printed material in those parts of political subdivisions in which a substantial number of members of low-income households do not speak English. | Thomas O'Connor FNS, USDA Room 678 GHI Bldg. 500 12th St., S.W. Washington, D. C. 20250 (202) 447-9075 |
| 7 CFR 273.2 | Application Processing and Expedited Service | This regulation describes the procedures for processing food stamp applications and determining program eligibility and level of benefits. This rule also provides procedures for issuing benefits on an expedited basis to households in immediate need of assistance. | Thomas O'Connor FNS, USDA Room 678 GHI Bldg. 500 12th St., S.W. Washington, D. C. 20250 (202) 447-9075 |
| 7 CFR 273.13, 273.15 | Adverse Action/Fair Hearing | This rule requires State welfare agencies to notify participating households prior to reducing or terminating their food stamp benefits. The rule also requires State agencies to provide a fair hearing to any household aggrieved by any action of the State agency which affects the household's participation in the program. | Thomas O'Connor FNS, USDA Room 678 GHI Bldg. 500 12th St., S.W. Washington, D. C. 20250 (202) 447-9075 |
| 7 CFR 275 | Performance Reporting | This rule describes procedures by which USDA monitors and evaluates State agency administration of the Food Stamp Program. | Thomas O'Connor FNS, USDA Room 678 GHI Bldg. 500 12th St., S.W. Washington, D. C. 20250 (202) 447-9075 |

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| | | **Food Safety and Inspection Service - Scheduled.** | |
| FSIS has scheduled the following regulations for review for which the category was not yet determined as of the publication deadline for this regulatory agenda. | | | |
| 9 CFR 303 and 381 Subpart C | Exemptions | Sets forth exemption requirements for personal slaughtering, custom slaughtering, and retail establishments. | John McCutcheon FSIS, USDA Room 327-E Washington, DC 20250 |
| 9 CFR 317 and 381 Subpart N | Prior Label Approval | Sets forth requirements for labeling of meat, meat products, poultry, and poultry products. | John McCutcheon FSIS, USDA Room 327-E Washington, DC 20250 |
| 9 CFR 309, 310 and 381 Subparts J & K | Slaughter | Sets forth ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection requirements for meat and poultry. | John McCutcheon FSIS, USDA Room 327-E Washington, DC 20250 |
| | | **Foreign Agricultural Service - Scheduled** | |
| FAS has scheduled the following regulations for review for which the category was not yet determined as of the publication deadline of this regulatory agenda. | | | |
| 7 CFR 17.1-4 | Sales of agricultural commodities | Made available under Title I of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended, -- definitions, descriptions of purchase authorizations, and subauthorizations. | Leo Wallace FAS, USDA Room 4526 S Washington, D. C. 20250 (202) 447-6211 |
| 7 CFR 17.5-7 | P. L. 480 | Sales of agricultural commodities made available under Title I of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended -- eligible commodities, contracts and price provision. | Leo Wallace FAS, USDA Room 4526 S Washington, D. C. 20250 (202) 447-6211 |
| 7 CFR 17.9-11 | P. L. 480 | Sales of agricultural commodities made available under Title I of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended. | Leo Wallace FAS, USDA Room 4526 S Washington, D. C. 20250 (202) 447-6211 |
| | | **Forest Service, Scheduled, Non Major** | |
| 6 CFR 271.1-8 | Use of Smokey Bear Symbol | Describes the policies on use of the symbol and the granting and revoking of commercial licenses. | L. A. Amicarella FS, USDA P. O. Box 2417 Washington, D. C. 20013 (703) 235-8039 |
| 36 CFR 200.7-10 | Organization, Functions and Procedures | Offices where information is available, where information may be copied, and rules governing inspections and copying appeals. | Hoyt Abney FS, USDA P. O. Box 2417 Washington, D. C. 20013 (202) 447-6101 |
| 36 CFR 211.19 | Appeals from the Administrative Decisions Relating to the Administration of the National Forests or Other Lands Under the Jurisdiction of the Forest Service | Provides procedures by which the public may appeal administrative decisions. Review of Decisions of Forest Offices. | Phil Haug FS, USDA Room 1004 RPE P. O. Box 2417 Washington, D. C. 20013 (703) 235-1797 |
| 36 CFR 251.14-15 | Land Uses | Sets forth conditions that must be expressed in and made part of a deed of conveyance to the U.S. where owners wish to reserve timber and/or mineral rights. | Richard D. Hull FS, USDA P. O. Box 2417 Washington, D. C. 20013 (703) 235-8212 |

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| | | **Forest Service, Scheduled, Non Major** | |
| 36 CFR 251.17-19 | Rights-of-Grantors | Sets forth conditions to be included in deed of conveyance where owner desires to reserve certain rights of use and occupancy. | Richard D. Hull<br>FS, USDA<br>P. O. Box 2417<br>Washington, D. C.<br>(703) 235-8212<br>(703) 235-8039 |
| 36 CFR 264.1-5 | Official Forest Service Insignia | Describes insignia, standards for its use, and penalties for unauthorized use. | Charles P. Teague, Jr.<br>FS, USDA<br>Room 4218 S<br>P. O. Box 2417<br>Washington, D. C.<br>20013<br>(202) 447-3706 |
| 36 CFR 270.1-9 | Rural Community Fire Protection | Describes the program, how States may participate, how funds are allocated, and how the program is evaluated. | L. A. Amicarella<br>FS, USDA<br>P. O. Box 2417<br>Washington, D. C.<br>20013<br>(703) 235-8039 |
| 36 CFR 292.11-13 | Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area | Outlines the administration of the Shasta and Clair Engle-Lewiston units with the Central Valley Project of the Bureau of Reclamation. | Roy Feuchter<br>FS, USDA<br>P. O. Box 2417<br>Room 4241 S<br>Washington, D. C.<br>20013<br>(202) 447-3706 |
| 36 CFR 292.14-16 | Sawtooth National Recreation Area -- Private Lands | Establishes standards for the use, subdivision and development of privately-owned property within the boundaries of the NRA, in Idaho. | Roy Feuchter<br>FS, USDA<br>P. O. Box 2417<br>Washington, D. C.<br>20013<br>(202) 447-3706 |
| 36 CFR 292.17-18 | Sawtooth National Recreation Area -- Federal Lands | Establishes procedures by which the mineral resources of the area may be explored, mined, or processed. | Roy Feuchter<br>FS, USDA<br>P. O. Box 2417<br>Washington, D. C.<br>20013<br>(202) 447-3706 |
| 36 CFR 294.1-2 | Special Areas | Describes the policy on setting aside special recreation areas within the National Forest System and restrictions on air traffic over the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. | Roy Feuchter<br>FS, USDA<br>P. O. Box 2417<br>Washington, D. C.<br>20013<br>(202) 447-3706 |
| | | **Packers and Stockyards Administration - Scheduled, Non Major** | |
| 9 CFR 201.27-34, 201.39-42 and 201.3 | Bonding and Custodial Account Regulations and Packer Point Promotion Programs | The bonding regulations establish the amount of bond to be filed by market agencies, dealers and packers. The custodial account regulations provide for market agencies to deposit uncollected funds within 7 days and use interest-bearing savings accounts to invest custodial funds. The policy statement relates to packer sales promotion programs. | John A. Sands<br>P&SA, USDA<br>Room 3412 S<br>Washington, DC<br>20250<br>(202) 447-6951 |
| 9 CFR 201.35 | Irrevocable Letters of Credit in Lieu of Bonds | This review of the bonding regulations is to explore whether a new regulation could be issued to provide that irrevocable letters of credit would be acceptable in lieu of a bond. | Jack Brinckmeyer<br>P&A, USDA<br>Room 3413S<br>Washington, D. C.<br>20250<br>(202) 447-4366 |
| | | **Rural Electrification Administration - Scheduled, Non Major** | |
| Bulletin 5-1:305-1 | Joint Use of REA Borrowers' Facilities by Electric and Telephone Systems | Sets forth policies and procedures concerning arrangements for joint use of facilities entered into by electric and telephone borrowers. | Archie Cain<br>USDA, REA<br>Room 1270<br>Washington, D. C.<br>20250<br>(202) 447-3813 |
| 20-8 | Purchase of Real Estate by Electric Borrowers | Requirements and procedures concerning the purchase of real estate by electric borrowers with REA loan funds or borrowers' general funds. | C. R. Weaver<br>USDA, REA<br>Room 3344<br>Washington, D. C.<br>20250<br>(202) 382-1900 |

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| | | Rural Electrification Administration - Scheduled, Non Major | |
| 40-6 | Construction Methods and the Purchase of Materials and Equipment | Sets forth the policy and procedure with respect to construction of distribution, transmission, generation, and headquarters facilities and the purchase of materials and equipment by electric borrowers with loan funds or general funds. | Archie Cain<br>USDA, REA<br>Room 1270<br>Washington, D. C.<br>20250<br>(202) 447-3813 |
| 42-1 | Architectural Services for Electric Borrowers | States the REA policy regarding selection of architects by REA electric borrowers, and the procedures to be followed in contracting for architectural services. | Archie Cain<br>USDA, REA<br>Room 1270<br>Washington, D. C.<br>20250<br>(202) 447-3813 |
| 60-2 | Electric System Capacity | Sets forth policy with respect to the electrical capacity of the systems financed with REA loan funds. | Archie Cain<br>USDA, REA<br>Room 1270<br>Washington, D. C.<br>20250<br>(202) 447-3813 |
| 60-10 | Construction Work Plans, Electric Distribution Systems | Requires that each electric borrower follow the practice of having two-year construction work plans prepared, and provides guidance in the preparation, use and approval of construction work. | Archie Cain<br>USDA, REA<br>Room 1270<br>Washington, D. C.<br>20250<br>(202) 447-3813 |
| 81-7:381-11 | Changes or Corrections in Line Construction | Provides a procedure and a sample form for use for authorizing changes in contract construction (construction change order) where the cost of the change is to be borne by the borrower. | Archie Cain<br>USDA, REA<br>Room 1270<br>Washington, D. C.<br>20250 |
| 86-2 | Pre-Construction Activities for Headquarters Facilities for Electric Systems | Sets forth REA requirements and procedures for the contract construction of borrower headquarters facilities. borrowers. | Archie Cain<br>USDA, REA<br>Room 1270<br>Washington, D. C.<br>20250<br>(202) 447-3813 |
| 86-3 | Headquarters Facilities for Electric Borrowers | Sets forth REA policy and procedures under which borrowers may obtain financing for headquarters facilities. | Archie Cain<br>USDA, REA<br>Room 1270<br>Washington, D. C.<br>20250<br>(202) 447-3813 |
| 100-2 | Minutes of the Meetings of Boards of Directors, Members, or Stockholders | Stresses the responsibility of borrowers for keeping adequate minutes and provides basis for submission of minutes or excerpts from minutes in designated circumstances. | C. R. Weaver<br>USDA, REA<br>Room 3344<br>Washington, D. C.<br>20250<br>(202) 382-1900 |
| 100-4 | Financial Security of REA Distribution Borrowers | Sets forth REA policy and procedures for identifying and assisting distribution borrowers having conditions that may endanger their financial security. | C. R. Weaver<br>USDA, REA<br>Room 3344<br>Washington, D. C.<br>20250<br>(202) 382-1900 |
| 100-5 | Financial Forecast - Electric Distribution Systems | Provides electric distribution borrowers with forms and techniques for preparing a financial forecast in response to a specific request from REA. | C. R. Weaver<br>USDA, REA<br>Room 3344<br>Washington, D. C.<br>20250<br>(202) 382-1900 |
| 107-1:407-1 | Data Processing Systems | Sets forth policy regarding data processing systems used by REA borrowers. | C. R. Weaver<br>USDA, REA<br>Room 3344<br>Washington, D. C.<br>20250<br>(202) 382-1900 |
| 109-4 | Selecting a Qualified Manager | Sets forth REA policy and procedures on the selection of a manager by electric borrowers. | C. R. Weaver<br>USDA, REA<br>Room 3344<br>Washington, D. C.<br>20250<br>(202) 382-1900 |

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| | | **Rural Electrification Administration - Scheduled, Non Major** | |
| 115-2 | Merger and Consolidation of Electric Distribution Borrowers | Establishes REA policy concerning the merger of two or more electric borrowers. | C. R. Weaver<br>USDA, REA<br>Room 3344<br>Washington, D. C.<br>20250<br>(202) 382-1900 |
| 182-1 | Evaluation and Enforcement of Internal Control of Borrowers' Enterprises | Sets forth characteristics of a satisfactory system of internal control and provides checklist for management to use in reviewing and determining the adequacy of internal control arrangements. | Sheldon Chazin<br>USDA, REA<br>Room 4063<br>Washington, D. C.<br>20250<br>(202) 447-3105 |
| 320-2:20-5 | Extensions of Payments of Principal and Interest | Sets forth the conditions under which time of payment of principal and interest may be extended and to outline the procedure for borrowers to use in applying for such extensions. | John N. Rose<br>USDA, REA<br>Room 2913<br>Washington, D. C.<br>20250<br>(202) 382-8532 |
| 322-2 | Rural Area Coverage - Telephone Loans | Sets forth REA policy covering the provisions of telephone service to rural users on an area coverage basis. | John N. Rose<br>USDA, REA<br>Room 2913<br>Washington, D. C.<br>20250<br>(202) 382-8532 |
| 403-5 | Minutes of Meetings of Directors, Stockholders, or Members | Stresses the responsibility of borrowers for keeping adequate minutes and provides basis for submission of minutes or exerpts from minutes in designated circumstances. | John N. Rose<br>USDA, REA<br>Room 2913<br>Washington, D. C.<br>20250<br>(202) 382-8532 |
| 409-1 | Selection of a Manager by Telephone Borrowers | Sets forth policies and considerations regarding the selection of a manager by telephone borrowers. | John N. Rose<br>USDA, REA<br>Room 2913<br>Washington, D. C.<br>20250<br>(202) 382-8532 |
| | | **Soil Conservation Service - Scheduled, Non Major** | |
| 7 CFR 621 | River Basin Investigation and Surveys | To provide a program of technical assistance and cooperation with other Federal, State, and local in developing flood hazard analysis. Rules are published for this program to inform the public of: 1) the types of activities and assistance that it includes; 2) who may obtain assistance; 3) how to request assistance; and 4) conditions for approval. | Edgar H. Nelson<br>SCS, USDA<br>Room 5234 S<br>P.O. Box 2890<br>Washington, DC<br>20013<br>(202) 447-2847 |
| 7 CFR 624 | Emergency Watershed and Protection | To authorize emergency Watershed Protection in both technical and financial assistance to be provided to the extent funds and manpower are available when an emergency exists. 1) make assistance available rapidly and consistently in emergencies; 2) address the definition of the Federal role in emergencies; 3) preclude the use of Federal assistance as a substitute for available nonfederal public and private resources and responsibilities; and 4) restrict assistance to actions that are acceptable on economic and environmental grounds. | Joseph W. Haas<br>SCS, USDA<br>Room 5252 S<br>P.O. Box 2890<br>Washington, DC<br>20013<br>(202) 447-3527 |
| 7 CFR 650 | Protection of Wetlands | To establish policy relating to the protection of wetlands in assistance programs administered by SCS. Rules are published for this program in order to: 1) implement Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands; 2) to provide the margin of flexibility needed in existing rules to adequately address erosion reduction, water quality protection, and human safety. | Paul M. Howard<br>SCS, USDA<br>Room 5207 S<br>P.O. Box 2890<br>Washington, DC<br>20013<br>(202) 447-4630 |

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